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SENATOR ALLARD ASKS SECRETARY OF THE ARMY FOR FULL INVESTIGATION INTO RECRUITMENT TACTICS SCANDAL

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-Colorado) has requested that Secretary of the Army Francis Harvey initiate an investigation into reports of questionable recruiting tactics being used by Army recruiters in Colorado.

"I am gravely concerned about how these alleged activities could have been allowed to take place, the possible illegality of these activities, and the degree to which those responsible will be held accountable for their actions," the Senator's letter said.

Senator Allard said that alleged recruiting practices such as encouraging individuals to falsify documents and coaching them on how to defeat the U.S. Army's drug testing program are, "Simply unacceptable. I know recruiters have a difficult job, but there are standards and rules under which they're supposed to operate. According to these reports, the rules weren't just bent, they were broken and tossed away."

"These kinds of unprofessional practices are not what we want our military recruiters engaging in – they are wrong, and contrary to the Army's core values of duty, honor and country," Senator Allard said.

"I expect the Secretary of the Army to not only investigate these allegations in Colorado, but to explore just how pervasive such practices might be in other locations," he said.

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